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THE MOMENTUM OF EDUCATION

In its advance through the ages, education has acquired considerable momentum. Education has become a force for education. It is paradoxical but true that the more a man knows the more he realizes how little he knows, how poor a master he is of the vast treasures of knowledge which the universe implies.

It has not been long when even a ward school education placed a man upon a footing superior to that of his less fortunate competitors in the struggle for existence. Then, when practically everyone had a ward school education, came the natural demand for a higher education, an education that would make a man fitter to survive. The high school resulted. In the natural course of events, the demand and need for still higher education caused the rise of the university. The momentum acquired in seven or eight years' ward school course carried the student into the high school; the additional acceleration acquired in the four years of high school carries many away to colleges and universities.

It is an unfortunate arrangement of the ordinary school year that much of the momentum is allowed to be lost in an enforced vacation of two or three months. This break in the current of education is disastrously long. In those two or three months, in man cases the momentum is entirely dissipated; the student does not resume his studies. This problem of lost momentum could be solved easily by the substitution of several short vacations during a school year of twelve months for the one long vacation of the nine-month year.

Some such solution of the problem would give the forces of education a mechanical efficiency, an immense momentum which would make students even out of university graduates; it would give a powerful impulse to one of the great aims of education, the pursuit of knowledge beyond the schoolhouse walls.

LOST IN TRANSIT

Our most American humor appears in unexpected places. At such times it is, of course, more humorous.

The judge in a literary contest sees much of this humor. The story of the judge who refused to judge after reading the first sentence of one entry is too common. And "the morning the day the ball was to be that night" seldom "dawns auspiciously" for the author of this unintentional humor.

Sometimes, however, the dawn is auspicious, and the climax of this unusual humor comes in the accepted manuscript. For instance, take this: "Her hand flew to her heart, and her heart went to her throat."

Now it is bad enough to say that the heroine's hand goes to her heart and her heart is in her throat, but for the hand to miss connection, so to speak, when a sign of great emotion is opportune, is worse.

Seemingly, things other than express and freight are lost in transit.

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

There are many points of interest within driving, riding and hiking reach of Columbia. Most of you have visited some of them. Some of you have visited all of them. Those you haven't visited are worth investigating, and a trip.

Here's a list:

Rocheport Cave; eleven miles west of Columbia, near Missouri River, between McBaine and Rocheport, or seventeen miles if reached via Rocheport. Can be reached by automobile or by hike from Columbia, McBaine and Rocheport. Large rocky cave with two entrances.

Holden Cave; eight and one-half miles northwest of Columbia, three and one-half miles off Sexton Road,

Best reached by hiking or driving; road is rough for automobile. Cave has small entrance but is very long, the upper end never having been reached. Has been explored about seven miles. Many stalactites and stalagmites and large chambers in the cave.

The Pinnacles; sixteen miles north of Columbia, on Blackfoot Gravel. Best reached by automobile. Monuments of stone standing like a forest.

Brushwood Lake; six miles southwest of Columbia, on road to McBaine. Easily reached by automobile or hiking. Frequented by fishing parties.

Rock Bridge; seven miles south of Columbia, at junction of Providence and Quarry roads. Natural bridge of rock surmounting a small lake. Old distillery near by.

Balanced Rock; one and one-half miles south of Columbia, on Hinkson Creek.

Lovers' Leap; one mile south of Columbia, on road to Balanced Rock. Overlooks Hinkson Creek and the Quarry road.

Round Hole; two and one-half miles south of Columbia, off Providence Road. Where the boys go swimming.

Rollins Spring; one mile south of Columbia, beyond golf links. Natural spring, with rock formation behind it, suitable for picnic parties.

Perche Creek; at McBaine, eight miles southwest of Columbia. Frequented for fishing, rowing, canoeing and swimming.

Missouri River; at Rocheport, where Manitou empties into the Missouri, fourteen miles west of Columbia. Popular for rowing, fishing and picnic parties.

Gordon Lake; one mile east of Columbia, on Fulton gravel, at foot of Pyfer Hill. Affords good skating in winter.

Pansy Hill; two and one-half miles east of Columbia, on Fulton gravel. In the springtime is covered with wild pansies and violets.

Coal mines; eight miles north of Columbia, on Blackfoot gravel.

Rock quarries; three-fourths mile south of Columbia, on Quarry road; one mile east on University avenue; one mile south on Katy tracks.

Looking Backward

Thirty Years Ago.

Efforts were being made to make the horse races here on July 4, the best ever held in Central Missouri.

Twenty Years Ago.

A long-distance telephone line, 277 miles, had been established between Kansas City and Omaha.

Ten Years Ago.

"Citizens of Moberly raised \$60,000 in six hours, citizens of Mexico raised \$40,000. Will Columbia go with unpaved streets when she is wealthier than either one of those towns?"

Five Years Ago.

"The bank vaults of this country are overflowing with money. Business in Boone county is unusually good."

The Open Column

Wants Physical Clean-Up.

Editor the Missourian: The sidewalks on Conley avenue west of the Palms to Maryland place suffered and endured the winter snows without being bothered by the hand of man. I walked in the muddy streets in preference to buying snow shoes and I know the rest of the residents of this part of the city followed in my footsteps.

Now the spring winds have taken their fling at a few old trees in that vicinity and half a dozen large limbs now lie where the snow beds were. I have not the time nor have my neighbors to do the city's work, so we continue to walk in the street. While engaged in a moral crusade, don't let's overlook the physical aspect.

A CITIZEN.

Political Announcement.

The Missourian is authorized to announce the candidacy of F. D. Alton, for the office of constable for Columbia Township, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, August 1, 1916.

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The New Books

"My Friend Phil."

The story of a child who has developed the art of seeking information in questions to the n-th power, who has an unconscious sincerity which makes men and women appreciate their artificiality, is the story of "My Friend Phil," a book by Isabel M. Peacocke.

Phil is almost too good to be true. The author has put a keen appreciation of child life through the novel, but in places makes the 6-year-old boy almost super-human in the amount of knowledge he has and seeks.

Phil makes his first appearance at a dentist's office, where he loses a tooth and makes friends of every waiting "victim" in the dentist's ante-room. Two of his new friends are the bachelor lawyer, who is telling the story, and the "Sketch" girl.

Of course, Phil's mission is done when in the last chapter the bachelor and the "Sketch" girl cease posing and frankly admit their love for each other. To say that "they lived happily ever after" is almost unnecessary. (Rand McNally Company, Chicago; frontispiece in colors; 336 pages, \$1.25 net.)

"From House to House."

A collection of special recipes from many homes, obtained by the authors, A. N. Furgerson and Constance Johnson, is contained in a sturdy volume, "From House to House."

Nearly every home has some one dish on which the family prides itself. This volume contains hundreds of these treasured masterpieces to afford a refuge from the commonplace and to provide many a new idea for the table. It is not a textbook for beginners—the roast beef medium and boiled potatoes is conspicuously absent—but salads and delicious sandwiches, puddings, canapés, cheese dishes, fancy breads, new pickles and sauces are spread in tempting array. The volume is alphabetically arranged, like an encyclopedia, and is interspersed with blank pages for the recording of your own additions. (E. P. Dutton and Company, New York; cloth, 291 pages, \$1.50 net.)

"The Quest for Dean Conner."

Dr. Richard Hodgson, who was secretary of the American Branch of the Society for Psychical Research in 1896, confidently expected to prove the "spiritistic" theory of immortality. Dean Bridgman Conner went to Mexico in 1894. He died in March, 1895, from typhoid fever and was buried there in an American cemetery. His father in Burlington, Vt., had a vivid dream two weeks later in which his son appeared and said that he was not

dead but was alive and was held captive in Mexico. This was substantiated by the eminent trance medium, Mrs. Leonora E. Piper.

This medium directed the search for Mr. Conner. P. C. Dodge was sent twice to find Mr. Conner. Unsuccessful the first time, he went again, to face failure. The third investigation was conducted by Anthony J. Philpott, a member of the Boston Globe reporting staff, with the aid of the Department of State, the Boston Globe and the Society for Psychical Research.

Mr. Conner was not found captive. Anthony J. Philpott, in "The Quest for Dean Bridgman Conner," proved to his own satisfaction that Conner was dead and buried. He also gives a complete account of the mystery from the beginning to the end of his search.

(John W. Luce and Company, Boston; cloth, 251 pages.)

ELKS AFTER THE CITY PENNANT

Another Team of Columbia Baseball League Begins Early Practice.

Another team of Columbia's proposed city baseball league has started out to bring home the municipal pennant. The Elks' team, under the management of W. P. ("Doc") Hudson, and clad in new gray suits, has been practicing for a week. They will soon begin playing exhibition games with teams from other Elk lodges in Central Missouri.

During the State Elk Convention to be held in Moberly Manager Hudson will take his pastimers to battle the lodge from Sedalia. The team will play the regular scheduled games of the City League.

J. M. Estes, as captain, will pilot Manager Hudson's team on the field. The team will be picked from the following men who are now trying out: D. V. Vandiver, S. L. Bouchelle, P. F. Anderson, R. E. Hill, J. D. Estes, A. F. Fletcher, H. H. Broadhead, James Hill, Kirk Hays, Edwin Levy, N. H. Freeman, Harry S. Lansing, Jr., W. S. Branham and H. C. Smith.

M. T. Alumnus Stirs Astronomers.

An astronomical discovery of fundamental importance has just been made by Harlow Shapley, and announced by the noted astronomer, George E. Hale, at a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, recently held in Washington, according to a letter from C. A. Briggs, B. S. in C. E. '07, A. M. '10. Mr. Briggs is assistant physicist of the United States Bureau of Standards. Mr. Shapley received his A. B. and A. M. degrees at the University of Missouri in '10 and '11. The discovery relates to the phenomena of variable stars.

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Pig Feeding Clubs Gain Members.

More than 225 new members are enrolled in the Pig Feeding Clubs of Missouri, as the result of a special campaign recently conducted by the agricultural extension service. Money is being raised for prizes for the boys who raise the best pigs. These will be exhibited next fall at Knox City, Clark, Shaw and other towns.

Write Bulletin on Canning.

Miss Addie D. Root, extension in-

structor, and Miss Bab Bell, extension assistant professor in the College of Agriculture, are the authors of a bulletin on "Canning in Glass by the Cold Pack Method." On the cover is a picture of Miss Dessa Crouch, who won first prize at the Boone County Fair last August on an exhibit of canned vegetables. Miss Crouch lives two miles east of Columbia and is a member of the Boys' and Girls' Club.

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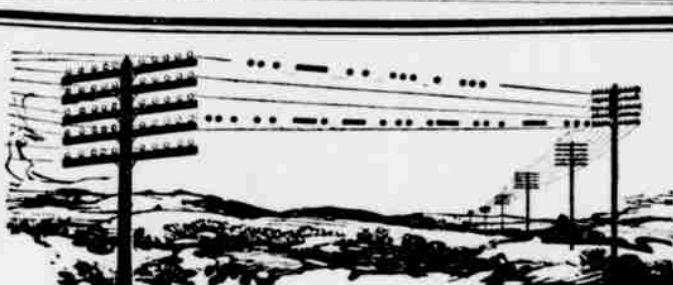
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STORES THAT LIE

We recall a shop that has been "closing out under forced sale, regardless of cost," for at least three years. We presume it swindles its patrons, selling half-cotton for all-wool, alleging that colors will not run, when they will run, and so on. We presume that, because if we know a man to be a habitual liar in one respect we naturally suppose him to be a habitual liar in all respects.

Self-respecting retail trade everywhere is more or less pestered by stores that lie. Sometimes it is the fly-by-night shop, which sets up in a certain location, advertises itself as a bargain sale of a bankrupt's stock, a fire sale, or the like, and after having worked off a collection of inferior goods, flits to a new location. Sometimes it is a fixture, in a chronic state of closing out, or selling a five-dollar article at five dollars and ten cents, "marked down from twelve dollars." Sometimes a few standard trade-marked goods are offered at cut rates as a lure. Sometimes goods with whose merits the public has become well acquainted are displayed in the street window and imitations of them are palmed off within. For the self-respecting store this competition is excessively annoying.

It is an odd fact that people in general regard lying in print as something mysteriously different from lying orally. If a man looked them in the eye and asserted by word of mouth that the common retail price of a given article was nine dollars, while he offered it at eight, and they then discovered the common retail price was eight, they would put him down for a liar and never trust his word again. If he asserts the same falsehood by a printed placard they regard it as a venial trade stratagem.

An association of merchants in New York has enlisted the district attorney and purposes to drive out some chronically lying shops in its particular line. It is a good example. By concerted action among self-respecting merchants everywhere the path of the shop that habitually depends upon lies can probably be made thorny enough to work a reformation.—From Saturday Evening Post of May 12, 1916.